



SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 6:30 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized [Alderswoman Lanier](#) to introduce [Pastor Larry Gordon of the Solomon Temple Church of God in Christ](#) who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderswoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderswoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderswoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 25, 2021](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended, withdraw Item #48, Settlement #2 as requested by the City Attorney, Alderswoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on February 11, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus WS DRAFT MINUTES February 11, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, Alderswoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus RM DRAFT MINUTES February 11, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the American Red Cross

Mayor Johnson read the Proclamation celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the American Red Cross and recognized March as National Red Cross Month. He thanked Ms. Maria Center, Executive Director of the Southeast and Coastal Georgia Chapter for continued support of Savannah during major crisis. The Proclamation will be mailed to Ms. Center.

Ms. Center thanked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for recognizing March as National Red Cross Month and is looking forward to a continuing relationship.

Alderman Purtee and Alderwoman Miller Blakely congratulated Ms. Center on the Red Cross 140 Year Anniversary and for the outstanding work the Red Cross has provided to the residents of the City.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Tree Planting Services with Pine Hollow Nursery and Landscaping for up to \$90,000 (Event No. 6918)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree Planting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Tree Planting.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Park and Tree Department staff or a local business could accomplish the work. Mr. Brown stated the City has 80,000 to 90,000 trees. City staff maintains the street and park trees. It is more productive to have an outside vendor to grow and plant the new trees.

Alderman Palumbo stated the Savannah Tree Foundation does a wonderful job preserving the tree canopy. We need to continue to plant and preserve our trees.

Mayor Johnson reported there was another bidder at \$25,000.00 more than the low bidder. The City sent out 230 inquiries to businesses and received 4 bids.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown if the trees will be confiscated from the interstates as in years past. Mr. Brown indicated the Department of Transportation (DOT) removed the trees in an effort to make visible to motorists any animals (deer) entering the highway.

Alderwoman Lanier stated many trees were removed on the Westside during the GDOT's removal for motorists which has impaired the air quality. Moving forward, she recommends the City establish a program to replace one-two trees for every tree that is removed, and if possible, use local vendors to keep resources in the City. Alderwoman Miller Blakely agreed with Alderwoman Lanier.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #5, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services with United Grounds Maintenance Services for up to \$68,000 (Event No. 7499)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Acting City Manager Brown if City staff could be trained to do the concrete and asphalt crushing work. Mayor Johnson indicated there would be a high cost for equipment. Mr. Brown stated sometimes the concrete and/or asphalt would need to be moved to another location to be crushed. This involves a big huge crusher not available by all vendors and used throughout the County.

Mayor Johnson reported the City sent out 200 inquiries to businesses and received 2 bids.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #6, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Case Management Software for Code Enforcement with Online Solutions, LLC in the Amount of \$66,000 (Event No. 7434)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Case Management Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Case Management Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Odor-Controlling Chemicals with Allied Universal Corporation and Colonial Chemical Solutions for up to \$62,656.63 (Event No. 7569)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Odor Control Chemicals.pdf

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Odor Control Chemicals.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Asphaltic Concrete \(for Pothole Repairs, Utility Cuts and Pavement Defects\) with Preferred Materials, Inc. for up to \\$50,000 \(Event No. 7501\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Asphaltic Concrete.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Asphaltic Concrete.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the updated robotic program schedule for paving streets. Acting City Manager Brown answered the paving assessment system for paving large areas and streets is an entirely different system. This System is specifically for the repair of holes and potholes. The City is moving toward using a local small vendor pool for this work. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested a work session dedicated to the robotic program to educate residents on the street repaving schedule. Alderman Purtee requested Mr. Brown to send a report to Council as it relates to the robotic study.

Mayor Johnson reported there were 86 inquiries sent to businesses and the City received 3 bids, the top 2 were in Garden City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #9, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Subscription Agreement Renewal for Police Communication Software with Adventos Corporation in the Amount of \\$49,000 \(Event No. 6950\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Police Communication Software.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Police Communication Software.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Painting Materials for the Summer Home Repair Program with Contractors Depot for up to \\$48,000 \(Event No 7025\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Painting Materials.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Painting Materials.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when will the Summer Home Repair Program take place and how can residents apply for the Program. She asked if the Program will assist the disabled and senior citizens. Acting City Manager Brown indicated the Program will start soon. The City will place information on the web site, send notices to neighborhood associations and community advocates, advise people of the process for application, where to apply, and a start date. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan supports and praised the Program for the outstanding assistance to residents.

Mayor Johnson indicated Contractors Depot is a Savannah First vendor.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #11, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Pest Control Services for City Facilities with McCall Service, Inc. for up to \\$35,000 \(Event No.7010\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Pest Control Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Pest Control Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Closeout Amendment for the Cedar Streetscape Improvement Project with Johnson-Laux in the Reduced Amount of -\\$2,620.13 \(Event No. 7035\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Cedar Streetscape Improvements.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Cedar Streetscape Improvements.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a One-Time Purchase of 317 iGel Licenses for Cloud-Based Workspaces \(for Computers in Community Centers and at Coastal WorkSource locations\) with Layer3 Communications, LLC in the Amount of \\$54,016.80 \(Event No. 8193\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - iGel Thin Client Licenses.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - iGel Thin Client Licenses.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Cancer Benefit Coverage for City Fire Fighters with Georgia Municipal Association in the Amount of \\$40,000 \(Event No.5819\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Firefighter Cancer Benefits.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Firefighter Cancer Benefits.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Parts and Equipment for the Repair of Lift Station 35 From Graybar Electric Supply in the Amount of \\$34,656.75 \(Event No. 8292\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Lift Station 35 Repair Parts.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Lift Station 35 Repair Parts.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Tree and Stump Removal Services with Gunnison Tree Specialist \(primary\), ArborNature, LLC \(secondary\), and Kolcun Tree Care, LLC \(tertiary\) for up to \\$700,000. \(Event No. 7276\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree and Stump Removal.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Tree and Stump Removal.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when will the City start using local vendors or City staff to complete this type of work. After investigation, she found stump grinders cost \$7,000.00. The City could train a Tree and Park employee on how to grind the tree stumps. She asked why local businesses are not responding to the requests for bids. Mayor Johnson indicated some local business might feel the jobs are too large or they don't carry the necessary insurance requirements. Acting City Manager Brown explained there are numerous steps for removal of a tree: cutting down the tree, sale of the tree, transporting the tree, and grinding the stump. The total removal of a tree is dangerous with high insurance rates and a means to sell the trees.

Mayor Johnson reported 395 inquiries were sent to businesses, the City received 4 bids, 2 from Hilton Head, SC, 1 from Atlanta, GA, and 1 from Topeka, KS.

Alderman Purtee discussed the dangers in removing a tree and the high cost of liability insurance. He suggested the City employees continue maintaining the healthy trees and assign removal of trees to the expert contractors.

Alderman Palumbo mentioned the Sustainability Department's program on empty City lots, of planting trees. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expounded on the Program. The Program was started during the last administration and now has three separate sites for growing trees. This Program is training adults and youth for the agricultural careers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz agreed with Alderwoman Miller Blakely in educating and informing the City's citizens when contracts are available. Assistance should be given to local businesses in securing and doing business with the City.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there was a cost benefit analysis prepared for this project and was this the best cost effective way to complete the service. Mr. Brown stated using an outside contractor was the most cost effective approach for tree removal and grinding.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Brown to provide Council with a purchasing summary that details the specific work of each vendors. The purchasing summary provided for Gunnison Tree Specialist did not include all services provided by the vendor. This way Council will have all information concerning each purchased item.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan shared information about Mr. Ollie Bouette and Sean Mannion and a few church members who volunteer to plants trees around the welcoming signs in the 3rd District. She offered to share contact information to Council Members for services by Mr. Bouette, who works in the City's water department.

Alderman Purtee encouraged Council Members to be advocates to the businesses in their respective communities when the City is sending out inquiries for bids. Council Members could educate business owners on the bid process and help steer owners to opportunities to do business with the City.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #17, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Delivered Senior Lunch Meals with Senior Citizens, Inc. for up to \$400,000. (Event No. 4242)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Senior Meals.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Senior Meals.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many lunches are delivered and how would new seniors apply to the program. Mayor Johnson believes 90,000 meals were delivered last year and seniors can apply through senior programs.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the meals are supplies through the community centers. If individuals want daily meals they can apply to Meals on Wheels through Senior Centers, Inc. on Bull Street. She asked Mr. Brown, since the City's senior centers are closed now due to COVID-19, how are the seniors receiving meals. Mr. Brown answered the meals are delivered to the senior's homes. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the City give consideration to local non-profit organizations with purchased services. Mr. Brown agrees with the suggestion of purchased services for local non-profit organizations and is moving the City in that direction.

Mayor Johnson reported there were 177 inquiries sent to businesses and the City received 1 bid.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #18, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Three Contract Renewals for Stormwater Pump Repair Services to Xylem Water Solutions, USA (Primary), Goforth Williamson (Secondary), and Pete Kelly, Inc (Tertiary), for up to \$325,000. (Event No. 7083)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Stormwater Pump Repairs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Stormwater Pump Repairs.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Third Party Administrator Adjusting Services for Workers Compensation and Auto Liability Claims with Gallagher Bassett for \$235,005. (Event No. 6494)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Workers Comp TPA Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Workers Comp TPA Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Purchase of Groundwater Treatment Chemicals from Savannah Brush and Chemical Company for up to \$186,600. (Event No. 7544)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - HFS Acid.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - HFS Acid.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Roofing Materials for the Summer Home Repair Program with Southern Roof Center for up to \$147,000. (Event No. 7023)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Roofing Materials.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Roofing Materials.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #22, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Purchase of One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with JCI Jones Chemical Inc. for up to \$112,500. (Event No.6100)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - One Ton Chlorine.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - One Ton Chlorine.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Crushed Stone (for Lane Grading and Stabilizing Unpaved Surfaces) with Martin Marietta Materials for up to \$100,000. (Event No.7500)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Crushed Stone.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Crushed Stone.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson reported there were 97 inquiries sent to businesses, and the City received 1 bid.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #24, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Project Management Software from Smartsheet, Inc. in the Amount of \\$92,403.31 \(Event No. 8035\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - SmartSheets License Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - SmartSheets License Agreement.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Network Equipment, Maintenance and IT Security with Layer3 Communications for up to \\$900,000 \(Event No. 8318\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Network Equipment and Maintenance.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Network Equipment and Maintenance.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if this item was a priority due to the ongoing pandemic. Mayor Johnson indicated this is a necessary purchase. The City experienced a major security breach and the network security is needed to deter any further hacking into the City's system.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested a vendor's fair to provide education to the public on how to do business with the City.

Mayor Johnson reported this is a Savannah First business. He encouraged Council Members to contact the City Manager's office prior to the meeting with any questions concerning the Meeting Agenda. This would allow the meetings to flow more timely and efficiently.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #26, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contracts for Tree Root Damage Repair Services with J.T. Maddox Concrete Experts, LLC and SABE, Inc. for up to \\$700,000 \(Event No.7910\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree Root Damage Repair.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Tree Root Damage Repair.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landfilling of Bio-Solids from the President Street Plant and Regional Plants with Waste Management for up to \\$500,000 \(Event No. 7335\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Landfilling of Bio-Solids.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Landfilling of Bio-Solids.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Electric Motor Repairs with Carbone Technology, Inc. for up to \\$155,000. \(Event No. 8103\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Electric Motor Repair.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Elec Motor Repair.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[30. Approval to Re-Appoint Ronald Melander or Randy G. Tate to the Park and Tree Commission \(One Vacancy Available\)](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to appoint Randy G. Tate to the one vacancy on the Park and Tree Commission, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

[31. Approval of Class C \(Beer/Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joseph Hunt for Bay Street Moon Foods, LLC t/a Your Pie at 110 West Bryan St. \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Your Pie.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Your Pie.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Your Pie.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Your Pie.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32.

No speaker(s).

No written comment(s).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #31, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[32. Approval of Class C \(Beer,Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ericka Hoyt for Huff and Doback, LLC t/a Fork and Dagger at 1402 Habersham Street \(Aldermanic District 2\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fork and Dagger.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fork and Dagger.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Fork&Dagger.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fork and Dagger.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32.

No speaker(s).

No written comment(s).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #32, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

[33. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 504 and 506 E. Montgomery Crossroads \(PINs 20494 03002 and 20494 03003\) from RSF-6 \(Residential Single Family-6\) to OI-T \(Office and Institutional-Transition\) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin \(Agent\) for Desktop Rentals, LLC \(Owner\). File No. 20-004503-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Items #33 and #34.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the petition outlining the conditions. MPC recommended approval with conditions.

No written comment(s):

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #33 and #34, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[34. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 23 Weiner Drive \(PINs: 20494 03004\) from RSF-6 \(Residential Single Family-6\) to OI-T \(Office and Institutional-Transition\) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin \(Agent\) for Sarah Heymen \(Owner\). File No. 20-004500-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map - 23 Weiner Drive](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 23 Weiner Drive](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Items #33 and #34.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the petition outlining the conditions. MPC recommended approval with conditions.

No written comment(s):

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #33 and #34, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[35. Approval to Amend the Zoning Ordinance for the East Broad Market Lofts Planned Development \(PD\) \(PIN: 20075 05011\) to Permit Micro-Distilleries as a Permitted Use. Petition of Harry Smith \(Agent\) for GIKI, LLC \(Owner\). File No. 20-005948](#)

[Exhibit 1: Recommendation Package - East Broad Market Lofts.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - East Broad Market Lofts.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #35.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the development. MPC recommended approval.

No written comment(s):

Alderman Leggett reported there were no concerns from the neighborhood associations. He asked Mr. Lotson if there are any similar projects in neighborhoods. Mr. Lotson answered, this will be the

first micro-distillery but there are a few micro-breweries in the City. Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Lotson if there are any dangerous hazards to the neighborhood. Mr. Lotson stated inspections by the City and State have been performed and the micro-distillery met all requirements. Any additional information can be addressed to the applicant.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were guidelines as it relates to the proximity to the nearby church. Since the establishments is classified as a restaurant, Mr. Lotson stated the distance requirements would be the same as a restaurant.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson for a clear classification. Mr. Lotson stated, it is classified as a restaurant with a brewery for beer. The applicant is requesting a permit for a distillery to produce alcohol. If approved, Alderwoman Lanier asked if the PUD zoning will apply to all PUD's or just to this establishment, East Broad Market Lofts location. Mr. Lotson answered, just to this location.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Lotson if the applicant will distill the alcoholic mixture or will they bring it to the site already mixed. Mr. Lotson answered, they will store and mix all ingredients on site.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #35, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

36. Approval to Amend Section 8-1002 of the Code of Ordinances to Align This Section with the 2018 Version of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) as Adopted by the GA Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Exhibit 1: ORD Section 8-1002 v2.docx

Exhibit 2: Section 8-1002 (Redlined Version) v2.docx

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #36, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 504 and 506 E. Montgomery Crossroads (PINs 20494 03002 and 20494 03003) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-T (Office and Institutional-Transition) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin (Agent) for Desktop Rentals, LLC (Owner). File No. 20-004503-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Exhibit 2: Map - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Alderman Palumbo expressed thanks to MPC and City staff for working on the rezoning and protecting the current residents. He feels Montgomery Crossroads is one of the most diverse corridors in the City.

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #37, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Alderman Palumbo if there were any oppositions. Alderman Palumbo answered there were none.

38. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 23 Weiner Drive (PINs: 20494 03004) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-T (Office and Institutional-Transition) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin (Agent) for Sarah Heymen (Owner). File No. 20-004500-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 23 Weiner Drive

Exhibit 2: Map - Weiner Drive

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 23 Weiner Drive

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #38, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Approval to Amend the Zoning Ordinance for the East Broad Market Lofts Planned Development (PD) (PIN: 20075 05011) to Permit Micro-Distilleries as a Permitted Use. Petition of Harry Smith (Agent) for GIKI, LLC (Owner). File No. 20-005948

Exhibit 1: Recommendation Package - East Broad Market Lofts PD

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - East Broad Market Lofts PD

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #39, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

40. Approval of a Resolution Requesting the Georgia General Assembly Adopt Local Legislation Authorizing the City of Savannah to Adopt the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax under O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b).

hotel-motel-tax-resolution-2021_1(2).pdf

a. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to deny approval of Item #40 until questions are answered as it relates to the Memorandum of Agreement, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter seconded. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted yes.

Written comment(s):

- Friends of Tide to Town, Inc. – Support
- Caila Brown, Bike Walk Savannah - Support

Acting City Manager Brown gave an explanation of the Legislation and how it conforms to the other local jurisdictions including the marketing of African-American tourism. Mr. Brown recommends approval.

Alderwoman Lanier has concerns with timing as it relates to the \$2 million for a slave museum. She feels Council should be a part of the discussions when appropriating funds to specific projects. She asked if the Resolution could be submitted in two weeks. Mayor Johnson indicated her concerns are related to Item #41 and the timeline was set by the Local Delegation and Council's decision is needed now. Mr. Brown stated this is handled by the Local Legislation and not the General Legislation. There is no specific allocation for a slavery museum or any particular museum. Hopefully, Council can move forward with their own list of projects. Mr. Brown is asking Council's approval to move forward, due to timing, on the Resolution to adopt local legislation authorizing the City to adopt the hotel/motel excise tax under O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b).

Alderman Leggett called for the vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed a meeting with Mr. Brown earlier today relating to a national slavery museum here in the City of Savannah. She asked Mr. Brown if that national slavery museum is part of this Agreement. Mr. Brown stated these are allocations the Council has reviewed: improvements to the waterfront, general allocation for accessibility to Tide to Trail. There is no specific item for a particular museum. These are good ideas: Weeping Time, Tide to Town, the Heritage Trail, these are projects to be implemented later. Mr. Brown stated the action taken today is to get the City in a position to process for the future, as requested by the Delegation and encouraged by the State. It does not commit the City to any particular museum.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown about the discussion earlier today. Mayor Johnson indicated her point relates to Item #41. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated Items #40 and #41 are related. Mayor Johnson disagreed. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz cited the similarities between Items #40 and #41 are the hotel/motel tax. Mayor Johnson cited, Item #40 relates to a Resolution to the Georgia General Assembly and Item #41 relates to an Agreement with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, they are related as it concerns the hotel/motel tax.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely read Item #40, Resolution, in part:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, REQUESTING THAT THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT LOCAL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO ADOPT THE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX UNDER O.C.G.A. 48-13- 51(b); TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY ACTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Page 227 - page 1 of the Resolution from the Agenda)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an amount equal to 14.7% of the total amount of taxes collected at the rate of 8 percent shall be expended for tourism product development, as defined in O.C.G.A. 48-13-50.2(6), and in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b)(5)(B). The total amount of taxes to be collected for tourism product development will fund the following projects: \$20 million redevelopment of Savannah's waterfront; \$10 million expansion of the Tide to Town Urban Trail Network; \$10 million renovation of the Historic Water Works building; \$17 million to create trail; sidewalk and other connections between the Historic District, westside neighborhoods and the new arena; \$3.5 million for museum development; \$2 million for a water access facility on Savannah's southside; \$2 million for wayfinding signage; and \$1 million for West Bay gateway enhancements. (Page 228 - page 2 of the Resolution from the Agenda)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated the Council is discussing African American tourism. There is no mention of African American tourism in the Resolution. Mayor Johnson stated she read from Item #41. She indicated it was read from the Resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown to review pages 227 and 228 of the Agenda.

Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee called for point of order.

Mr. Brown stated the need to meet the requirements of the State Statutes authorizes the City of Savannah to move into the new section to levy hotel/motel tax range of 6% to 8%. Item #40 addresses those State requirements. Item #41 is a separate Agreement with the City's marketing arm, Visit Savannah, and what they must do to market to the African American tourism and improve

the product and services. Item #40 is the requirement to take before the General Assembly for approval.

Alderman Purtee called for the vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated to Mr. Brown that Items #40 and #41 go hand in hand. You cannot separate the two items. She along with Alderwoman Lanier supported and encouraged the increase in the hotel/motel tax early in the administration, but she has been closed out of any follow-up discussions.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated the revenue is earmarked specifically for tourism; however, there is a project planned that has nothing to do with tourism, unless the Council designates the project as such. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested taking these funds and use for the residents of the City. Such as using the funds for the police department who provide services to the tourists. Mr. Brown indicated the State Statutes prescribe how the funds can be used. It does not permit the City to use tourism funds for police activity. A portion of the funds go the the City General Fund for police, fire and park and tree services. This State Statute permits funds to be used for Visit Savannah, the convention facility, and tourism product development including the development related to West Savannah, the Arena, Tide to Town, and the Heritage Trail projects. This is not a commitment to the Weeping Time or any African American tourism product but he believes this is the next marketing area for Savannah. This action gets Savannah into the category necessary to get the General Assembly to approve this as a source of revenue, they prescribe how the City will use the funds.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown how much revenue did the City receive from hotel/motel tax. Mr. Brown answered, approximately \$21 million, a portion goes to Visit Savannah, a portion to convention facilities, and a portion to tourism product development. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what amount of the hotel/motel tax goes to Visit Savannah. Mr. Brown answered, approximately \$7 million. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how much of the hotel/motel tax does the City receive. Mr. Brown answered, approximately \$11 million.

In an effort to make the Resolution language clear to the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown to read the text from the Resolution that Alderwoman Miller Blakely previously read, (pages 227 and 228). Mayor Johnson indicated the language in the Resolution should be corrected, the motion is for the Resolution only and not for the Agreement. Mr. Brown stated the Resolution language is correct, it meets the statutory requirements, and should be adopted as presented in the Agenda. Mr. Brown recommends Council approval of the Resolution. The Agreement is a separate agenda item.

Alderman Palumbo called for the question. Mayor Johnson acknowledged Alderman Palumbo.

Mayor Johnson stated, for years the citizens of Savannah did not see the affects of tourism. This is an opportunity for the City to realize revenue without the residents bearing the burden. This Resolution is asking the City to move from one category to the next category, ensuring the City will have the ability to collect the maximum amount of hotel/motel tax from visitors (tourists).

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #40, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed, 6-3-0, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

AGREEMENTS

[41. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce/Visit Savannah Regarding the Hotel-Motel Tax](#)

[MOA HMT CVB 2021 V3 022021.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson explained Item #41 is the companion Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the hotel/motel tax Resolution as required by State Law and can only be used for tourism related activities. Mayor Johnson discussed the requirements and restrictions outlined in the MOA. Acting City Manager Brown discussed the MOA and Visit Savannah's obligation to formally begin an African American Tourism marketing program. Annually, Visit Savannah is required to prepare a diversity, equity, and inclusion plan targeted to minority and African American tourist. They must prepare the plan, appoint a professional tourism manager, monitor the program, and present the program to the Mayor and Aldermen for review. Mr. Brown recommends approval of the MOA by City Council.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned why Visit Savannah will only appoint one designated person for the minority and African American tourism plan. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown explained there will only be one designated professional for the minority and African American tourism program but Visit Savannah has made a commitment to market the program.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what are the projects the tourists pay for that the City residents enjoy. Mayor Johnson cited; the Arena district projects, the Tide to Town, it helps the City reach their renewable energy goals, and it helps connect the communities. Mr. Brown stated the tax monies

would help small businesses and African American restaurants in the communities when Visit Savannah markets those destinations. The marketing will be done with the hotel/motel taxes.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked, of the additional 2% of hotel/motel tax, how much will be generated and what portion of those dollars will go toward the professionals hired by Visit Savannah to market minority and African American tourist. Mr. Brown answered, approximately \$7 million per year and Visit Savannah will determine the amount allocated to the professional hired for marketing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz suggested having discussion items at the beginning of the Agenda or include them on the 2:00 pm Council Meetings. She asked about the National Slavery Museum with Mayor Johnson, and other Mayors of Savannah, plus others with respect to the Museum that was discussed in a meeting earlier today. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz wanted to know if the National Slavery Museum will be a part of this Agreement since conversations concerning this Museum are currently on-going. Mayor Johnson indicated the National Slavery Museum is not a part of this Agreement. The National Slavery Museum was an idea and Mayor Johnson polled individuals to get their thoughts on the concept. Mayor Johnson discussed the opportunity Savannah has missed in promoting the African American experience to tourists. Since there is no national museum or memorial dedicated to slavery, Mayor Johnson contacted some history experts around the Country regarding a slavery museum in Savannah to get their opinions. He feels the Slavery Museum will boost the tourism for African American marketing. There were no specific details or dollar amount, it was an idea discussed with the individuals he met with to discuss the possibility of a National Slavery Museum in Savannah. Mayor Johnson shared the idea with Council Members on an individual basis to get their feed-back.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz suggested a workshop dedicated to a presentation by Visit Savannah on their area services and marketing.

Alderman Palumbo discussed the importance of approving the Agreement with Visit Savannah to forge ahead with partnerships and marketing efforts with the tourism industry.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed her concerns with the \$2 million for marketing minority and African American tourism and how the funds will be spent. The City of Savannah should not market the City as having a slave connotation. The African American history has a wealth of stories and their accomplishments should be celebrated in more positive messaging. After a review of the list provided, Alderwoman Lanier did not see any names of businesses or individuals currently telling the African American history to tourists in Savannah. She asked if there was a line item of where the \$2 million will be allocated. Mr. Brown answered no, the \$2 million is for marketing efforts. Alderwoman Lanier shared a negative slavery advertisement geared toward Savannah published in Alabama. She expressed her concerns with Savannah being marketed as a slavery destination.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what the \$3.5 million for museum development in the Resolution is earmarked for. Mr. Brown answered, \$1.5 million will go for the Springfield Terrace Museum in Historic Carver (Pearl Smith project), and the remaining \$2 million is undesignated but will help the City to create a tourism product. Mayor Johnson indicated the Council will decide how to use the \$2 million. Alderwoman Miller Blakely read, from the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Hotel/Motel Tax into the record the following:

Savannah shall implement and provide a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Plan that develops strategies to attract minority visitors and group conventions, promotes tourism-related minority-owned businesses in Savannah, and highlights cultural heritage attractions significant to minority communities (including, but not limited to, Savannah's Black, Jewish, Indigenous, Hispanic, and female populations). The plan shall be provided to City Council within 6 months of this agreement.

Based on the MOA, Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated African Americans are not the only sector Visit Savannah will target marketing. She suggested the City develop another means of marketing to the African American tourist other than slavery. Mayor Johnson stated, he initiated conversations, selected the individuals, and briefed Council Members on the slavery museum idea. The Community will decide if the museum is a viable project.

Mayor Johnson stated this is an opportunity for the City to partner with Visit Savannah and have the hotel/motel tax pay for projects to encourage increased tourism in Savannah.

Alderwoman Lanier called for the motion on the floor.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #41, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan complimented them on the professionals who will spearhead the African American marketing for Visit Savannah. Mayor Johnson stated some of the most concerned residents to have the African American story told happen to be white.

[Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - TRU by Hilton Hotel 77 Fairmont Av.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[43. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with EW MFR Venture I, LLC for Eastern Wharf Block A, a Mixed-Use Development on East Bryan Street](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Eastern Wharf Block A.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[44. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Beacon Builders, Inc. for The Palms Phase 2](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - The Palms Phase 2.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[45. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with North Godley Industrial Park, LLC for Spring Lakes Phase VI](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Spring Lakes Phase VI.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[46. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Exchange Club of Savannah for the New Fairgrounds at I-95 and GA 204](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Fairgrounds.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[47. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve a vehicle accident claim involving a police officer who struck a building in the amount of \$80,000 for Militea Johnson Hilliard, owner. Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being was present.

[48. Settlement #2](#)

Item #48, Settlement #2 was removed from the Agenda at the request of the City Attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS

[49. Approval of Major Subdivision Bradley Pointe South Phase 6B](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat - Bradley Pointe South Phase 6B](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #49, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[50. Approval of the Proposed City Manager Search Process and Schedule](#)

[Exhibit 1: Memo to City Council - City Manager Executive Search Process.pdf](#)

Acting City Manager Brown discussed the process and schedule for the City Manager search. Mr. Brown recommended approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown for a specific timeline. Mr. Brown provided the following:

- the next 2-3 weeks Council, employees and citizens will submit their input;
- a brochure will be prepared;
- advertise the position for 30-45 days;
- skill requirements and background checks will be performed on selected candidates;
- a list of the qualified candidates will be prepared for the public;
- Council will make a final candidate list for interviews;
- final candidates will be interviewed; and
- Council makes selection of the new City Manager.

Mr. Brown estimates the process to take 3-4 months. Mayor Johnson suggested providing the new vendor with prior candidate information.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #50, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

CLOSING:

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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